

Scott Edwards Architecture: Columbia Gorge Surgery Center

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Scott Edwards Architecture has designed a new 7,000-square-foot ambulatory surgery center in The Dalles.

The Columbia Gorge Surgery Center will be the first building in a new 4.5-acre medical campus development. The single-story building will include two surgical suites for ophthalmologic and orthopedic procedures, with expansion plans for a future endoscopy suite. The architecture team chose building materials that would reflect the regional geography and climate by using metal roofing and dark, basalt-like brick, rather than the heavy timber that is used in Oregon's coastal range. The Dalles'

name comes from the French word dalle, which means slab or flagstone and refers to the basaltic rocks carved by the Columbia River nearby. Based on Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards for material selection, all of the building materials were produced regionally, including locally mined brick created just across the river in Washington. The building is located at West 10th and Webber streets.

The project is being developed by Orion Medical Services of Eugene. The Scott Edwards architecture team included Sid Scott, Joan Jasper and Ken Dryerson. Consultants on the project include Portland firms WDY Structural & Civil Engineers, MFIA Inc. Consulting Engineers, Shapiro Didway Landscape Architecture and interior designer Bainbridge Design.

General contractor Seabold Construction of Beaverton, will begin work on the project in mid-August.

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